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ALL IN FOR THE RED CROSS - Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters dump donations collected when they stopped both lanes of traffic on Highway 41 Friday night as part of Cornerstone Co-op Liquor Store's fundraiser for the Red Cross and BC firefighters. More photos on Page 10.

Firefighters pitch in to aid Red Cross

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

What started out to be a simple noon hour barbecue fundraiser for the Red Cross at Cornerstone Co-op's Elk Point liquor store turned into a major event that raised over $2,000 to support both the Red Cross and the firefighters still battling wildfires across British Columbia.

"This was our last barbecue fundraiser for this year with my team and I," said liquor store manager Shannon Aarbo. "We were initially going to do the barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., then decided, let's do it for the evening when the antique cars came out for their weekly cruise. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., we had some awesome cars in our parking lot."

The impromptu car show wasn't the only added attraction, Aarbo says. "The Elk Point Fire Department then came in and asked if they would be able to help fundraise. Their team of six showed up they parked in the middle of the highway and stopped traffic both ways and filled up their boots with donations; they raised $1,139 in two hours! It was such an overwhelming experience to watch the generosity of our community as they came out and supported our cause for the Red Cross and the firefighters. The Elk Point community rocks!"

Candidates lay it all out at UPC forum in Bonnyville

ROBYNNE HENRY
Review Contributor

Local United Conservative Party (UCP) members asked nomination candidates their pressing questions at the party's forum.

The Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul UCP Association hosted the event at the Bonnyville Agriplex on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

All three of the UCP nomination hopefuls gave opening statements before the forum was opened to questions. One of the first queries to come from the floor was regarding rumours about privatizing health care.

Candidate Glenn Spiess pulled from his personal experience with the health care system, emphasizing the importance of shorter wait times for those in need of care.

"What we really need to do is recognize that we have this public health care that's really important to all of us to have access to. But, if we continue to have waiting times and all the rest of it, that's not allowing us to access health care in a timely manner. I think we should be looking at opportunities where we can have private health care providers that are publicly funded in order to help offset the time and assist people in their time of need," suggested Spiess.

Candidate David Hanson , current Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills MLA, offered a different perspective, using the struggles of constituents as an example. He said he supports anything that gives residents access to help.

"To a certain extent, we already have a level of private health care in the province. I don't hear the good stories... The bulk of complaints I get in my office are due to health care delivery or lack of. I'm in favour of anything that helps alleviate the problems people are facing."

Stressing the importance of funding local hospitals, UCP candidate Craig Copeland is in favour of the private sector doing what he feels the government can't.

"The question really is; are they being properly funded? It doesn't matter what community we're in, look at the state of our hospitals. We haven't seen a really big push for modernization in a long time. I helped a radiologist invest all his money, millions of dollars, in a radiology clinic in Cold Lake," detailed Copeland. "That is the type of business model that, if the government can't do it, we should be open to let the private sector come in and we fund the patient to go to that clinic... I can certainly support it."

The Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (CLAWR) funding was a pressing matter for those in attendance. They wanted to know if candidates would change the ID 349 agreement, or keep it the way it is, with several communities benefiting. Every candidate stressed making a change would assist all of the regions, noting that the previous agreement didn't have everyone's best interest in mind.

"Is the deal that came out absolutely fair to everyone? Probably not," Hanson said.

Spiess agreed, "What we always need to keep in mind is to work collaboratively with our constituents and the various regions that we represent. What we need to do is ensure any agreement with the government is effective with our whole region, and not just a

Information for everyone

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

More than 280 area residents of all ages poured through the doors of Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre last Tuesday evening as the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS hosted their annual Information Night, with 43 organizations services and agencies on hand to provide updates on their programs and coming events.

A number of groups, from Elk Point and District Further Education and Jack and Jill Playschool to Elk Point Soccer Club and Elk Point Ukrainian Dance, were taking registrations, while others, such as Elk Point Municipal Library, both of Elk Point's 4-H clubs and the Kids Rock youth group were seeking new members and talking about their group's activities.

Agencies ranged from The Prevention Connection, provided information on fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and handed out Shirley Temple mocktails, to Alberta Supports, offering ways to access more than 20 programs and 120 community services ranging from seniors to family violence to people with disabilities.

Other exhibitors ranged from Alberta Party Glenn Andersen to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to Portage College, all ready and willing to answer questions and provide helpful information.

WARM WELCOME - FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk (second from left) and staff members Coco Webber and Terry Shankowssky welcomed the crowd and handed out questionnaires.

4-H MULTI CLUB leader Jason Boorse and son Jove seek more members.

NAUGHTY NUNS? You'll find out at the Allied Arts Christmas Dinner Theatre!

KID STUFF - Both Elk Point Early Childhood Development Committee and Jack and Jill Playschool focus on preschool learning.

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE - from Pole Walkers to classic car enthusiasts and theatre buffs were on display along with agencies including Community Futures, St. Paul Search and Rescue, the Prevention Connection and many more,

Crisis help for rural Alberta communities

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk was happy to welcome Vishva Ragunathan of the Canadian Red Cross Community Outreach department to last Tuesday's Information Night.

"There's a real need for crisis help in rural Alberta," she said, "and we're hoping that local volunteers will come out and fill that need." That need was brought home by the townhouse fire this spring, when disaster relief was not readily available for the victims, and is why Ragunathan was invited to Information Night.

Over the years, Red Cross has been an agency that generally sent canvassers out each year to collect donations, and in time of major disasters, such as the Fort McMurray fire, set up collection depots in communities. Those donations have helped many victims of disasters, but now, Ragunathan says, "We want to give back to the communities. Elk Point and St. Paul are not in our area when local disasters happen, and we need boots on the ground, we need local volunteers from Elk Point and the County and town of St. Paul to help with disaster relief."

Red Cross deals with disasters small and large, he noted. In the case of a house fire, for example, Red Cross will provide lodging and food for up to 72 hours as well as clothing "for any type of natural disaster. Those same volunteers that respond locally could be trained to respond to large disasters in communities across Canada." In the case of those large disasters, Red Cross provides emergency shelter, personal services, food and clothing to provide for their safety and wellbeing. The volunteers also assist with victim registration and updates. Along with training, the Red Cross pays the expenses for travel, food and lodging for volunteers responding to disasters in other areas, Ragunathan says.

The money raised locally is for personal disasters, he added, with "a separate appeal" to assist with the major disasters.

Bringing local volunteers on board will "not only help to build the capacity to respond to a disaster in the community," Ragunathan says. "It builds a resilient community."

An information session is planned for October 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level at the Town of St. Paul office, to give an overview of what Red Cross volunteers do.

READY FOR ANOTHER SEASON - Elk Point Theatre Project's youth drama club organizers are ready and eager to get to work on next spring's performance of 'Seussical the Musical', starring a cast of young local talent.

BACK IN THE 'SHED - Billie Milholland was back in her old home town for Information Night, with her book on the North Saskatchewan River watershed, , 'Living in the Shed". She will also be in attendance at tomorrow's Elk Point Municipal Library Tea, signing copies of the new edition of 'They Came, a collection of the stories and recipes from women who came to Alberta in the early years of settlement.

CANADIAN RED CROSS Community Outreach worker Vishva Ragunathan was at Information Night to encourage local residents to volunteer their assistance in disaster relief.

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Elk Point cares!

It's been a weekend filled with caring and generosity in Elk Point, with three fundraisers bringing in close to $22,000 to help out those in our community and those farther away.

Friday started it off, with antique car enthusiasts and the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department pitching in to help Cornerstone Co-op raise over $2,000 for the Red Cross and BC firefighters.

Saturday was the largest event of all, a supper, silent auction and dance raising over $15,000 to help out cancer victim Rhonda Lecopoy and her daughter, whose lives were shattered even further by that diagnosis shortly after the tragic loss of their husband and father Jody in a highway collision.

Sunday saw another $4,600 raised in the annual Grandparents' Day Walk and celebration, supporting the Handi Bus and seniors' activities.

Thanks, everyone, for this much needed support.

Alzheimer Awareness Month

Canadian Charter of Rights for People with Dementia

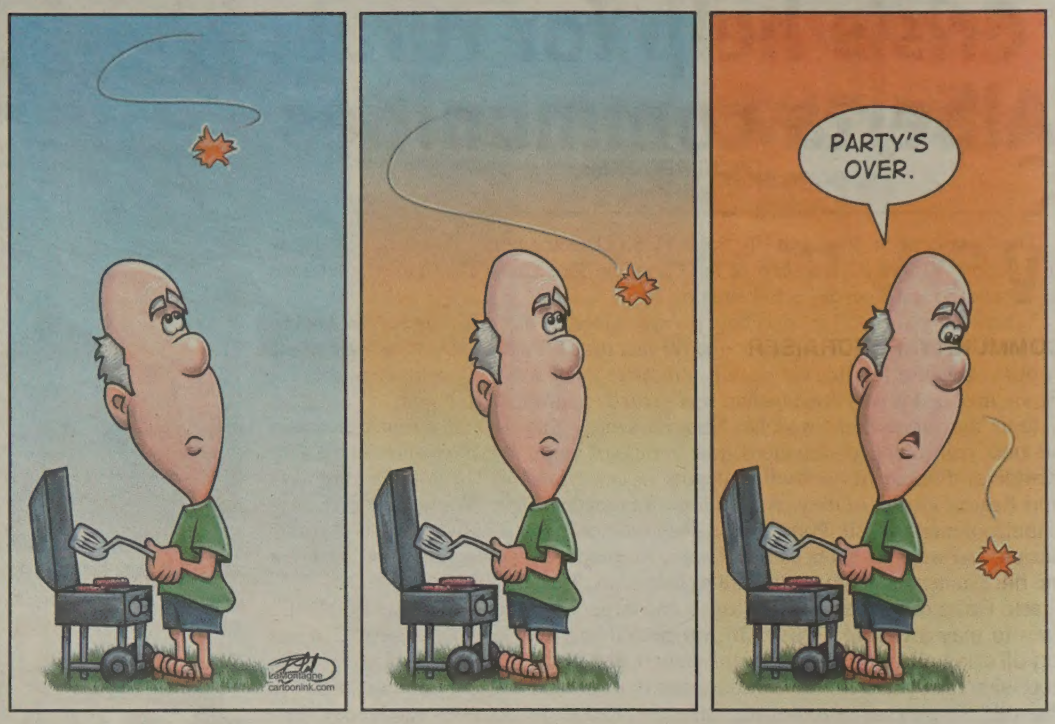
The Alzheimer Society of Canada is pleased to officially launch the first-ever Canadian Charter of Rights for People with Dementia.

The landmark Charter is the culmination of over a year's work by the Society's Advisory Group of people with dementia, whose members represent different walks of life from across the country. With the number of Canadians with dementia expected to hit nearly one million in less than 15 years, the Advisory Group set out to define a set of seven explicit rights to give a greater voice and authority to those with dementia. The Charter will help people with dementia as well as their families challenge situations where they experience stigma, are treated unfairly, discriminated against, or are denied access to appropriate care.

The Charter empowers Canadians with dementia to self-advocate while also ensuring that the people and organizations that support them know and protect their rights. These include the right to be free from discrimination of any kind; to benefit from all of Canada's civic and legal rights; to participate in developing and implementing policies that affect their life; to access support and opportunities to live as independent and engaged citizens in their communities;to be informed and supported so they can fully participate in decisions affecting their care and life, from the point of diagnosis to palliative and end-of-life care; to expect that professionals involved in all aspects of their care are trained in dementia and human rights and are accountable to uphold these rights and to access effective complaint and appeal procedures when their rights are not protected or respected.

"People with dementia, no matter the stage of their disease, have the same rights as every other citizen," says Pauline Tardif, CEO of the Alzheimer Society of Canada. "Yet, we know all too well that Canadians with dementia continue to face cultural, social and economic barriers to claiming these rights, leaving many facing discrimination, isolation and treatment that contravenes their basic rights as human beings. We're asking all Canadians to champion this new Charter."

The Charter will not only help combat the ongoing stigma associated with dementia, but also help inform a rights-based approach to the development of services and supports for Canadians with dementia. In particular, it will serve to guide the federal government as it follows through on its commitment to develop and implement a national dementia strategy for Canada.



Way Back When...

Major historical development, milestone, 50th back to school

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and the Elk Point Review for the week of Sept. 10 in...

1988

Alberta Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism Greg Stevens and Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski announced the approval of $1.3 million for a major historical development at the sites of two of Alberta's earliest fur trading forts, Fort George and Buckingham House. Elk Point Agricultural Society unveiled plans for a comprehensive fairgrounds and agricultural pavilion project, with Ag Society president Glenn Harms noting that although they have "been told a lot of reasons not to build this fairgrounds... we need it and we're not stopping for hell or high water."

1993

Pan Canadian Petroleum celebrated reaching their 100,000 barrel per day production milestone, reached on Aug. 11, with a '100,000 Barrel Bash' for employees, contractors, suppliers and other guests that included a golf tournament, banquet and dance. Darrell Wickham was named Cowboy of the Year by the Lakeland Rodeo Association, winning the honor not only for his prowess on a horse, but also for his dedication to the rodeo and to the LRA.

1998

It was back to school for the 50th time for Vernon 'Babe' Sharkey of Heinsburg, who drove his first school bus route in 1948, as part of a fleet started by his father two years earlier, and started his own busing business the following year when his parents gave him and his bride Colleen their own bus for a wedding present. Michelle Friesen placed first and Pam Jabush second in the Under-18 category and Travis Pankiw second in the Over-18 at Talent Quest '98 in St. Paul.

2003

"What a wonderful turnout!" enthused Grandparents' Day celebration organizer Diana Anderson, as four generations crowded into the Seniors' Recreation Centre following the well attended walk-a-thon, adding, "It's a real tribute to grandparents." The chamber of commerce was making a fresh start for fall, with planning for the Christmas Extravaganza to start almost immediately.

2008

With an artist's concept in hand and the grant funding expected to arrive in a few weeks, chamber of commerce president Sandy Smith said fundraising was ready to start for the proposed Eco Centre. History was music to the ears of some of the performers, who came to the Forts des Prairies Jamboree for the atmosphere as well as to entertain with their favourite songs.

2013

A full slate of 72 women connected to the oil industry enjoyed a full day of fun and fellowship at Elk Point's Diamond Drillbit Golf Tournament, with a steak barbecue and prizes for all the participants.

CAKE AT STONEY LAKE - St. Paul County Division Two Councillor Dwight Dach serves cake to guests at the lakeshore park at Stoney Lake, as part of a 25th anniversary celebration held for Stoney Lake Pioneer Park and Campground.

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Community rallies to Celebrate Life With Rhonda

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER - A well-attended supper, silent auction and dance filled the A. G. Ross Arena with well-wishers on Saturday evening in support of cancer victim Rhonda Lecopoy, second from left, who was happy to join with friends and family at the event held in honor of her and her daughter Ashley. According to Sunday's Facebook post, "You wonderful caring and loving people raised over $15,000 last night and rising as people are still donating! #teamrhonda" The Stark Road band, shown below, donated their time to play awesome music for the event, bringing all ages onto the dance floor, while more than 100 silent auction items awaited bidders along the other side of the arena. Other volunteers provided a beef-on-a-bun supper with all the trimmings and a huge array of desserts.

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Home & Garden

To-do list for the fall

When the days start to get shorter and colder, you know it's time to prepare your home and garden for winter. To help you out, here's a handy list of outdoor chores to get done this fall:

1 - Plant autumn bulbs: before the first frost, plant the bulbs that you want to bloom next spring (tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, etc.).

2 - Protect weaker plants: cover the bases of weaker, dormant perennials with mulch (as required by your hardiness zone). Also, consider protecting recently planted shrubs and the trunks of younger trees.

3 - Clean up the grounds: to avoid the possibility of carpenter ant and rodent infestations, remove all dead leaves, branches and firewood you find near the walls and foundation of your home. In taking this step, you'll also be removing fire hazards.

4 - Relocate potted plants: if you have plants that need to stay warm, it's time to bring them inside.

5 - Check the foundation and exterior walls: locate and seal all cracks to prevent water from seeping in and causing damage to your home.

6 - Cut the water supply: empty then store garden hoses and shut all outdoor water outlets to prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting over winter.

7 - Close the pool: drain the water, remove the skimmer basket, empty the filter, remove the pool ladder and set up the winter cover.

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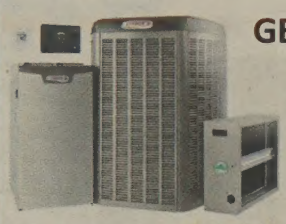

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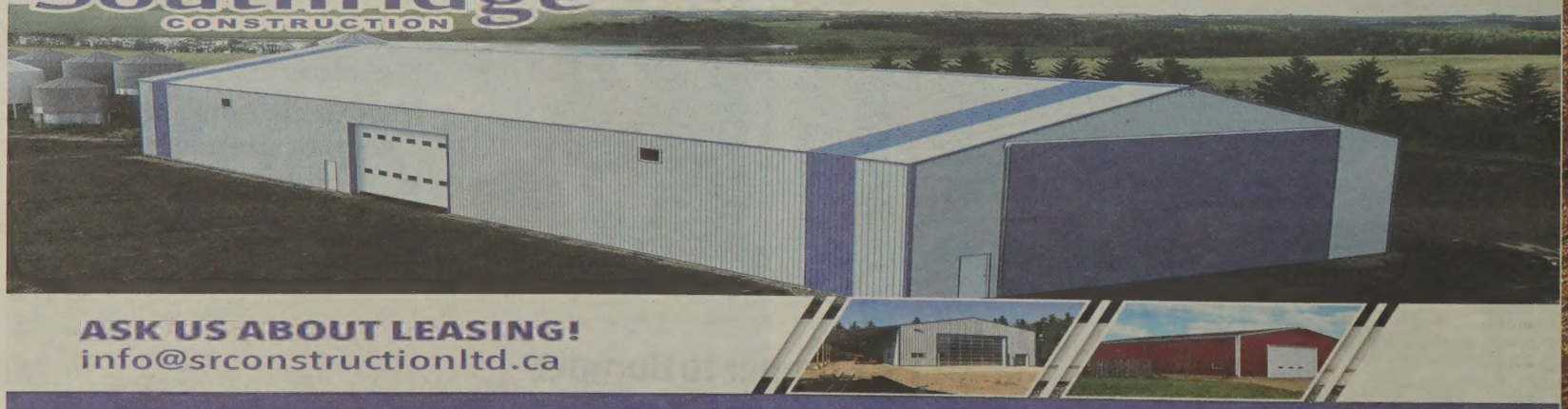

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8 - Prune branches that are close to your house: not only will you prevent them from damaging the exterior of your home, but you'll also eliminate a potential bridge for heat-seeking parasites.

9 - Inspect the roof: replace any damaged shingles (split, curled, wavy, loose, etc.). If you have a flat roof made of asphalt and gravel, make sure the crushed stone covers the whole surface. Also, remove all debris and check the flashing. For best results, call a professional roofer for a maintenance inspection.

10 - Sweep the chimney: sweep your chimney — or have it swept by an expert — in order to reduce fire hazards. Moreover, check the chimney cap or put one in place. This simple device prevents animals from being able to sneak into your home.

11 - Store garden furniture: wash all outdoor furniture then store it or shelter it with protective covers. All cushions, however, should be brought indoors. Be sure to also store the barbecue (after cleaning the grill and removing the propane tank, of course).

12 - Fence the vents: to keep rodents out of your home, place grills on all of your vents (i.e. extractor fan, bathroom fan, dryer, central vacuum, etc.). If you already have grills in place, inspect them to make sure they're in good shape. Also, make certain that each valve closes properly.

13 - Clean the gutters: remove leaves (wait until they all fall) and other debris from your gutters so that water can flow as it's supposed to. If you don't, standing water could freeze and damage the gutters. Also, take the opportunity to assess your gutters and, if necessary, strengthen them.

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Showdown determines 2018 LRA champions

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Lakeland Rodeo Association named its 40th set of year-end champions on Sunday, Sept. 2, after five action-packed performances at the Clancy Richard Arena in St. Paul, the home of the LRA finals for 33 of those years.

In the Bareback Bronc Riding, Colton Ouellette of Meadow Lake, Sask. broke a tie with season leader Cassien Haudegand of Cadogan with his 73.75 score on John Duffy's 'Blondie' to take the LRA championship saddle. Ouellette and Haudegand were the only two to ride all four of their broncs, with Haudegand collecting one first, two seconds and two thirds over the weekend and Ouellette with three firsts and two third place scores.

Season leader Ethan Mazurenko of Thorhild placed first in all five performances to win the Novice Horse Riding, with a final score of 68 on Incredi-Bull Rodeo Road's 'Apache' winding up his very consistent finals where he accepted the St. Paul Ag Society saddle and the season leader buckle from Signs and Graphics by Foss.

Steer Wrestling saw three competitors sharing first place going into the final performance, Denver Hoff of Wildwood, Casey Lawes of Provost and Dayton Roworth of Czar all with 80 points to their credit, and when the dust had settled, it was Casey Lawes who took home the Jones Boys Western Wear trophy saddle, after the weekend's scores were added into the equation.

The newest generation of cowboys was next on the program, with the Junior Bull Riding and Junior Steer Riding. In the Junior Bulls, only five rides out of 30 made it to the eight second mark all weekend, with season runner-up Nathan Carter of Viking the only one of the six competitors to ride two out of five, winning the Paul's Trailer and Truck saddle. The Junior Steer Riders had a much better weekend than their older competitors, with 21 successful rides and Kegan Bishell of Consort collecting scores in all five rides for the Viking Auction Mart saddle.

A switch from bulls to beauty saw the ladies of all three age groups show their impressive skills in the Barrel Racing. In the Ladies' Barrels, Stacy Ruzicka of Bentley repeat her 2015 LRA win for the Cowtown saddle, with three first place wins and one third. In the Junior Barrels, season leader Harleigh Henderson of Alix was plagued by three tipped barrels on the weekend and edged out by Kaitlin Haeberle of Viking, who took home the Vision Credit Union saddle. Ten-year-old season leader Janae McDougall of Bashaw finished up the Peewee Barrels season in fine style, with three wins and a third even before the final run, to take home the Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers saddle.

Another season leader's success story came in the Tie Down Roping, where Murdock Keith added up five successful runs for the Vantage Trailers saddle, along with the season leader buckle from Couch Jockey.

Saddle Bronc winner Zarley Johner of Mayerthorpe came into the finals in sixth hole, but was the only finalist who collected points in all five performances to add up to the win of the 840 CFCW Radio saddle.

Mayerthorpe is also home to the father-son duo of Daryn and Dylan Knapp, who not only roped in the Team Roping championship with Sunday's fastest time of 5.7 seconds, but added on some even more prestigious awards, Daryn winning the High Point Timed Event trailer from Irvine Tack and Trailer as well as the Lincoln County Oilfield Services saddle, while Dylan won the All Around award in addition to the heeler's saddle, both sponsored by the LRA.

Tanner Eno of Coronation was not only the Bull Riding season leader, he was the only man with four successful rides on the weekend, one first place and three seconds adding up to the win, even though he slapped Miller Rodeo's 'Sharky' on his last trip out of the chute, taking home the St. Paul Dodge saddle along with not one but two St. Paul Journal buckles, one as champion and one as season leader.

ALL-AROUND COWBOY Dylan Knapp (left) and his dad, High Point Timed Event winner Daryn Knapp, receive their awards from LRA Sponsor and Judging Director Lenny Lawes, who is one of a handful of 40-year members of the association.

CLOWNING AROUND - Ricky Ticky Wanchuk and gang introduce a new multi-purpose bird.

NOTICE
COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 2018-15** which is a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2013-50 and incorporate the following changes:

The Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50, is hereby amended as follows:

a. Section 1.3 is amended and re-numbered to include the following definitions:
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   ii. **Cannabis Production Facility** – means a building or structure used for the cultivation, harvesting, testing, processing, storage and shipment of cannabis.
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b. Section 1.3 is amended regarding the following definitions:
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   iii. **"greenhouse or plant nursery"** means a building or structure used for the cultivation of plants, shrubs and trees but does not include cannabis;

c. Section 8.3 (3) (General Urban (U) District, Discretionary Uses) be re-numbered and amended to include:
   i. "Cannabis Retail Establishment"

d. Section 8.7 (3) (Industrial/Commercial (IC) District, Discretionary Uses) be re-numbered and amended to include:
   i. "Cannabis Production Facility"
   ii. "Cannabis Retail Establishment"

A Public Hearing will be held on **Friday September 14, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office (5015-49th Ave) in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301, ext 205.

Krystle Fedoretz, Planning & Development Officer
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A WALK FOR ALL AGES - The Wirsta and Fakeley families stroll through Mural Park on Grandparents' Day

DIANE HEATHCOTE pays tribute to her mother, the late Peggy Maas, during the program.

FIVE GENERATIONS - Helen Labrie is celebrated by granddaughter Darlene Smereka, son Melvin Labrie, great-granddaughter Rhianne Smereka and great, great grandson Kieran Huser.

MUSICAL FAMILY - Suzan Bartholomew and nieces Rayna and Angie Sanregret entertain the crowd with their songs.

Families celebrate Grandparents Day with walk and great entertainment

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A lengthy lineup of families, including everyone from tots in strollers to great-grandparents with walkers, took part in Sunday's Grandparents Day Walk, and was welcomed back to Heritage Lodge with music by Rollie Poitras, Clarence Poitras and Doris Osnchuk.

Another warm welcome came from organizer Diana Anderson, who said, "It's awesome to see everyone, there are people here from all over the province."

MLA David Hanson congratulated all of the grandparents present, and proudly announced that his own granddaughter, now a year old, "just started walking yesterday."

Mayor Lorne Young likes Grandparents' Day "because it brings families together, and Diana does an awesome job of organizing it each year. The walk is just an excuse to get together, raise a little money and have a little fun."

County Couns. Darrell Younghans and Kevin Wirsta were unable to be present, but send their best wishes.

The annual celebration was once again sponsored by Golden Loaf Bakery, the Alberta Council on Aging, the Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul and the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, Anderson said, adding thanks to volunteers Lucille Smith, Bernice Capjack and Gabe Bayduza, as well as Lodge staff members Loris Kozina and Diane Hyslop.

While the funds raised by the walk help to keep the Handi Bus on the road and provide funding for seniors' activities, Anderson also feels the fundraising part is "just an excuse to get together and say thanks to the grandparents. They're the glue that keeps families together," providing hugs, treats, babysitting and rides to their grandchildren on a year-round basis. Unfortunately, however, she says, in many cases, "families are spread all over the place these days, not together like they used to be." She read a poem that reminded everyone to "share a smile, a hug, and take time to spend with" the seniors in their families.

Throughout the years of Grandparents Day celebrations, the late Peggy Maas and her family have topped the fundraising almost every year, Anderson noted, adding that those contributions have added up to over $10,000. "Peggy is no longer with us, but her family is, and I bet she's up there smiling from ear to ear." Her oldest daughter, Diane Heathcote, came forward to represent the family.

A total of 20 people age 90 and over were recognized with the presentation of flowers by Hanson and his wife Donna to those in attendance: Lil Buksa, Rita Bruins, Nancy Charchun, Ann Chiakowski, Gilbert Classen, Helen Labrie, who had five generations of her family on hand, Olga Musijowski, Horace Osinchuk, John Shewchuk, Olive Trach, Helen Trach, Ann Uchman, Mary Vogel, Paul Yaceyko, Erma Yewchin and Josie Zarowny. Unable to attend were Pearl Anderson, Cathy Bowen, Lena Stepa and Bill Zarowny. Hanson thanked the Heritage Lodge staff "for taking care of them all so well."

The youngsters in the crowd were invited to come forward and meet seniors they didn't already know, and then to deliver treat bags to those seniors and receive a bag themselves.

More entertainment came from the talented Bartholomew/Sanregret family, with Suzan Bartholomew, Angie Sanregret and Rayna Sanregret singing some great country songs.

Following a break for refreshments, Rollie Poitras and Doris Osinchuk were back with more music before Anderson offered some "words of wisdom for seniors" and announced that a total of $4,655 in donations and pledges had been received, with the most coming from the Maas family, $1.275, in memory of Peggy. They received a $50 Tim Horton's gift card. The second largest amount came from the Wirsta family, $645. Those who collected or donated $100 or more were listed and their names put in a draw, with Lyn Young winning the Christmas dinner theatre tickets. Gifts went to the oldest lady present, Mary Vogel, the oldest man, Paul Yaceyko, and the youngest attendee, who was Fred Wirsta's great-granddaughter. Door prize draws saw Mavis Zaraska win a decorative birdcage and Olga Musijowski an autumn flower arrangement.

Forum

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Copeland wants to bring the communities involved to the table if a change is made to the ID 349 agreement.

He said, "It's a huge provincial issue that needs to be figured out, because there are communities struggling."

All of the candidates voiced their support of having parental choice in education.

"We're really lucky that we have the school system that we do in the area. Our job as government is to make sure we give them the resources, finances, and support network (they need). People who want to go to the private schools or home schools, we're there to support them," expressed Copeland.

Spiess believes having a school of choice system ensures it's beneficial for students, noting it's important to recognize that it allows for competition, which "makes it better."

Another pressing issue for residents and candidates was combating rural crime. The topic was touched on during a question about gun ownership, before expanding on what their plan was to reduce crime in the area.

Suggestions included building new prisons, encouraging family life, harsher sentences for reoffenders, increasing court time, increasing Crown prosecutor's pay, and stopping catch and release programs.

All candidates agreed they need to address repeat offenders. One suggestion was stimulating the economy to prevent recurring crime.

Spiess said, "One of the contributing factors (to crime) is a depressed economy. I think what will help, at least in partial way, is to stimulate economic recovery in this province... By addressing that, work is dignified. If people don't have work, then their dignity is going to go down. If we have an economy that will give people the opportunity to find dignity, I believe people will move in that direction."

Candidates discussed their plans on how to ensure growth in the oil and gas industry. Hanson and Spiess said eliminating the carbon tax would benefit the region, while Copeland wants to speed up the regulatory process with a 90-day turn around for applications in the area.

"Regulatory processes are painful right now. I would push for a 90-day turn around on all applications... It's just ridiculous," Copeland noted.

Another topic candidates touched on was the upcoming minimum wage increase. They agreed business owners throughout the region were feeling the impact, and that they weren't consulted when the government discussed an increase.

"I think right now, the UCP needs to put a hold on any increases to businesses, period. We have to start thinking about how we're going to rake it back to provide more incentive or dollars for small businesses so they can hire more people and still make a profit, because a lot of small businesses are closing their doors," Copeland noted.

Another hot topic for residents and candidates was managing Alberta's debt, and if jobs in education and health care would be cut as a result.

Candidates stressed the importance of jobs in these fields.

"How are we going to get our province back on course? I'm sorry to tell you, but it's going to hurt. Will it affect you? It absolutely will," Hanson said, noting he would make cuts in upper management administrative positions instead.

Copeland would advocate for cutting ministry budgets by five per cent to "compassionately downsize" the government, and lower the number of government employees in the system.

"There are layers in government that we need to run the government like we do in private business, and we need to be leaner. That's the only way we're going to change the operating deficit that we have is by doing things leaner and harder. We need to empower the government worker to do things better," Copeland said.

He added, he wants to ensure that the taxpayer dollar isn't forgotten and their input is important moving forward.

Candidates shared their closing thoughts and offered to discuss any more questions one-on-one.

Everyone was encouraged to go out and vote on Sept. 10 in Cold Lake at the Senior's Centre from 3 p.m to 9 p.m. Glendon members will have the chance to cast their ballots Sept. 11 at the Agriplex from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., voting in Bonnyville will be available the same day at the Agriplex from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Sept. 12, there will be a poll open at the Elk Point Senior's Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. That same day, voting in St. Paul will be at the Royal Legion Hall from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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HOLTHE, ALAN

On August 6th, 2018, Alan Holthe passed away at the age of 71 years. Cremation has taken place.

He is survived by four siblings. Edward of Ajijic, Mexico, Elaine (Richard) Hibbard of Edmonton, Dennis and Eric of Elk Point, as well as two nieces and 4 nephews. Alan was predeceased by his parents, Sidney and Muriel Holthe.

The family wishes to thank all who offered their support and condolences. Many special thanks to Shannon Mullin.

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